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ANGRY

Carri on a Grudge

Police in Vermont have arrested a woman who slammed a dead raccoon against the doors of City Hall in Burlington, possibly angry that the animal had been left on a street. Katherine Gluck, 46, left the raccoon's body outside of City Hall before walking off on Nov. 12. She has been charged with disorderly conduct. (AP)

RIGHT-WING POLITICS

Hey Everybody, Let's All Generalize Based on This!

Prosecutors say a Seattle chiropractor and his wife drove a luxury car and lived in a \$1.2 million waterfront home while claiming welfare assistance. The U.S. attorney's office filed a civil lawsuit last Friday accusing David Silverstein and Lyudmila Shimonova of filing false claims. Prosecutors are demanding they pay back more than \$135,000. Silverstein, who drives a black Jaguar, says his lawyer asked him not to comment. (AP)

GOOD DEEDS

Plus 15 Samaritan Points!

Pittsburgh police say a 911 call made by an online gamer brought officers to a violent home invasion. At about 2 a.m. Tuesday, the man who would eventually be attacked was playing an Xbox game online when he heard the intruders kick in a rear door. He alerted his online opponent, and that person called 911. Before officers could arrive, police say, the intruders stole an unspecified amount of cash. (AP)

The Big Picture



IT'S A MERRY-THON! Competitors participate in the Santa Dash in Liverpool, England, on Sunday. The annual 5K race includes thousands of entrants dressed as Santa Claus. Some runners wear blue suits in support of Everton FC because they refuse to run in red, the color of their city rivals, Liverpool FC. (GETTY)

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

FAA Chief Resigns After Drunken Driving Arrest

Randy Babbitt resigned Tuesday as head of the Federal Aviation Administration following his arrest late Saturday on charges of drunken driving. Babbitt said in a statement he didn't want to allow anything to "cast a shadow" on the work done by his colleagues at the FAA. (AP)

SEATTLE

Occupy Protests Move To Foreclosed Houses

Finding it increasingly difficult to camp in public spaces, Occupy protesters across the country are reclaiming foreclosures and boarded-up properties, signaling a tactical shift for the movement against wealth inequality. Groups in more than 25 cities held protests Tuesday on behalf of homeowners facing evictions. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA

6 Sandusky Accusers To Testify, Lawyer Says

A lawyer for a young man who accuses former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky of sexual abuse expects his client and at least five other alleged victims to testify at a preliminary hearing next Tuesday. The attorney spoke on condition of anonymity because he is trying to ensure his client's identity isn't revealed publicly. (AP)

Obama: It's 'Make-or-Break' Time

Setting his campaign theme, president says middle class at stake

Osawatomie, Kan.

Declaring the American middle class in jeopardy, President Obama on Tuesday outlined a populist economic vision that will drive his re-election bid, insisting the United States must reclaim its standing as a country in which everyone can prosper if provided "a fair shot and a fair share."

While never making an overt plea for a second term, Obama offered his most comprehensive lines of attack against the candidates seeking to take his job, only a month before Republican voters begin choosing a presidential nominee. He also sought to inject some of the long-overshadowed hope that energized his 2008 campaign, saying: "I believe America is on its way up."

In small-town Osawatomie, in a high school gym where patriotic bunting lined the bleachers, Obama presented himself as the one fight-



President Obama greets audience members after his speech Tuesday at Osawatomie High School in Osawatomie, Kan. Obama stressed the middle class is in jeopardy.

ing for shared sacrifice and success against those who would gut government and let people fend for themselves. He did so knowing the nation is riven over the question of whether economic opportunity for all is evaporating.

"Throughout the country, it's sparked protests and political movements, from the tea party to the people who've been occupying

the streets of New York and other cities," Obama said.

"This is the defining issue of our time," he said in echoing President Theodore Roosevelt's famous speech here in 1910.

"This is a make-or-break moment for the middle class and all those who are fighting to get into the middle class," Obama said. "At stake is whether this will be a

Recalling Roosevelt

In his speech Tuesday, President Obama tied himself to President Theodore Roosevelt, the president and reformer who came to this town in eastern Kansas and called for a "square deal" for regular Americans. Roosevelt said then the fight for progress was a conflict "between the men who possess more than they have earned and the men who have earned more than they possess." It is a theme Obama is embracing in a mounting fight for re-election against Republicans who, regardless of the nominee, will attack his stewardship of the economy. (AP)

country where working people can earn enough to raise a family, build a modest savings, own a home and secure their retirement."

For Obama, the speech was a chance to break away from Washington's incremental battles and his own small-scale executive actions. He offered a sweeping indictment of economic inequality and unleashed his own brand of prairie populism. BEN FELLER (AP)



Live Long and Prosper: White House wannabes take note: Contrary to the idea that being president speeds up aging, a study shows that many of them lived longer than their peers. Using life-expectancy data for men the same age as presidents on their inauguration days, a study in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association* found that 23 of 34 presidents who died of natural causes lived several years longer than expected. (AP)



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Nation

W.Va. Mine to Pay \$210M

Settlement reached
 in 2010 explosion
 that killed 29 men

Beaver, W.Va.

The new owners of the West Virginia coal mine where 29 men were killed in an explosion agreed Tuesday to pay a record \$210 million in penalties over what the government called an "entirely preventable" tragedy caused by the pursuit of profits ahead of safety.

It is the biggest settlement ever reached in a U.S. mining disaster, and the money will go to compensate grieving families, bankroll cutting-edge safety improvements and pay for years of violations.

Under the deal, Alpha Natural Resources — which acquired the mine's owner, Massey Energy, earlier this year — will not be charged with any crimes in the April 2010 blast at the Upper Big Branch mine



KAYANA SZYMCAK/GETTY IMAGES

Friends and family attend a candlelight vigil April 10, 2010, for the 29 people who died in a mine in Montcoal, W.Va.

as long as the company abides by the settlement, U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin said. But the agreement does not prevent individual employees from being prosecuted.

"No individuals are off the hook," Goodwin said, adding that

the investigation is ongoing.

Hours after the settlement was announced, federal regulators released a final report detailing 369 safety violations at the mine, including 12 that it said contributed to the blast. Fines related to those violations account for \$10.8 million of the settlement.

"Massey management created a culture of fear and intimidation in their miners to hide their reckless practices," said Mine Safety and Health Administration director Joe Main. "Today's report brings to light the tragic consequences of a corporate culture that values production over people."

Criminal charges in the disaster have been brought against only one person so far: the mine's security chief at the time of the blast, Hughie Elbert Stover. He was convicted of lying to investigators and trying to destroy records following the explosion. He is awaiting sentencing. LAWRENCE MESSINA (AP)

Hearsay



"As usual, Mr. Romney can't make a decision. He's weighing both sides and may flip-flop on this as well."

— GOP PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL JON HUNTSMAN, ON NBC'S "TODAY" SHOW TUESDAY, SAYING MITT ROMNEY HAS YET TO DECIDE WHETHER HE'LL JOIN THE DES MOINES, IOWA, DEBATE ON DEC. 27.

Border Arrests Continue to Drop

Washington

Arrests of illegal immigrants along the U.S. border with Mexico are at the lowest level since the Nixon administration, indicating that fewer people are attempting to cross the border to live or work in the United States. The development could change the debate on illegal immigration from securing the border to handling the people who are already here.

It's the sixth-straight year apprehensions have dropped.

In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, Border Patrol arrested 327,577 people trying to cross the southern U.S. border. Meanwhile, Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials deported a record 396,906



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Arrests at the U.S.-Mexican border have fallen in 2011 for the sixth-straight year.

people over the same period. That marks the first time in decades that formal removals from the U.S. outpaced arrests at the border.

The number of arrests at the border has been steadily declining since 2006, after an all-time high of more than 1.6 million apprehensions in 2000. ALICIA A. CALDWELL (AP)

\$315M

The amount Bank of America agreed to pay late Monday to settle class action claims by investors that they were misled about mortgage-backed investments sold by its Merrill Lynch unit. (AP)

Backers to Romney: Get Tougher

Allies say candidate needs to prove his mettle to challengers

Washington

Mitt Romney's above-the-fray campaign style kept him atop the Republican presidential field for months, but it's raising concerns now that Newt Gingrich has moved up to challenge him.

Some Romney backers say their candidate must mix it up more aggressively to prove he has the moxie to be the GOP challenger to President Obama.



Game Plan

It's too early to say Mitt Romney must attack

Newt Gingrich or risk losing the nomination, said Danny Diaz, a GOP consultant uninvolved in the presidential race. Though Diaz said sharper exchanges are inevitable as "a natural progression" as the Jan. 3 Iowa caucus nears.

Some party veterans urge Romney to be cautious.

Bitter quarrels between politicians are "what people are sick and tired of," said Rep.

Steve LaTourette, R-Ohio. (AP)

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, particularly caused concerns with his prickly responses in a Nov. 29 Fox News interview. He needs to show more toughness and

readiness, party insiders say.

"The lack of engagement strategy has served Romney pretty well," said Rich Galen, a GOP strategist and former Gingrich aide who is

neutral in the current race. "Now I think they've got to alter course and get him out there more."

Numerous Romney supporters have expressed concern over reports of him dodging reporters and in-depth questioning. The last time he appeared on a major Sunday morning talk show, a mainstay of political discourse, was March 2010. After extensive criticism, Romney agreed Tuesday to appear Dec. 18 on "Fox News Sunday."

Romney spokeswoman Andrea Saul said her candidate "has done thousands of interviews over the course of his career, and he'll do a lot more." CHARLES BABINGTON (AP)

ARTIFACTS

Rare Lincoln Find

After months of careful restoration — for no charge — the original 13th Amendment that ended slavery, signed by President Abraham Lincoln and lawmakers, will be returned to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum on Thursday. Curator James Cornelius says the nearly 147-year-old document will take the place of the facsimile visitors see now. "I was overwhelmed to see it," Cornelius said. (AP)



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World

In Brief

WASHINGTON

U.S. Launches Online Embassy for Iran

More than three decades after the U.S. Embassy in Tehran was shuttered and diplomatic ties with Iran were cut, the Obama administration opened a virtual embassy for Iran. The Web-based "embassy" went online Tuesday to encourage dialogue with Iranians. (AP)

TRIPOLI, LIBYA

Officials: Deadline Set To Disarm Residents

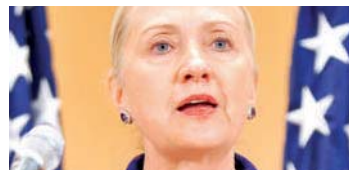
Armed residents of the Libyan capital have until the end of December to hand over weapons to authorities, a local government official said Tuesday. The uncontrolled flow of weapons has been a major concern since the civil war that ousted Moammar Gadhafi ended. (AP)

TOKYO

Baby Formula Recalled Over Traces of Radiation

Traces of radiation spilled from Japan's hobbled nuclear plant were detected in baby formula Tuesday in the latest case of contaminated food in the nation. Meiji Co. said the amounts were low enough not to affect babies' health even if they drank the formula daily but said it was issuing a recall as a precaution. (AP)

Hearsay



"Gay rights are human rights, and human rights are gay rights."

— SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, SPEAKING TUESDAY AS THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION BLUNTLY WARNED THE WORLD AGAINST GAY AND LESBIAN DISCRIMINATION.



"Without any doubt, the enemies of Afghanistan are trying to separate the Afghan people."

— AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI, IN RESPONSE TO TUESDAY'S SUICIDE BOMBING AT A SHRINE IN KABUL. STILL, KARZAI DIDN'T BLAME ANY SPECIFIC INSURGENT GROUP FOR THE ATTACK THAT LEFT SHIITE MUSLIMS REELING.

Blast Shocks Afghans

At least 56 are killed in Kabul as threat of sectarian strife rises

Kabul, Afghanistan

In Afghanistan's first major sectarian assault since the fall of the Taliban regime a decade ago, a suicide bomber slaughtered 56 Shiite worshippers and wounded more than 160 others Tuesday outside a Shiite shrine in the capital.

The body of a woman, clutch-

ing a dead child in each arm, was sprawled along a road littered with bloodstained clothing and body parts after the blast, which took place as a bombing killed four Shiites and wounded 21 others in Mazar-i-Sharif.

The decade-long Afghan war has largely been spared sectarian violence, but Tuesday's attack suggests that some militant groups may have shifted tactics.

The bomb went off shortly before noon as worshippers had gathered at the Abul Fazl shrine

Meanwhile ...

Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik thanked the country's Taliban militant movement Tuesday for not staging attacks during this year's Shiite Muslim holiday of Ashoura, a remark likely to draw criticism as the country grapples with how to subdue the extremists. The Pakistani Taliban and other Sunni extremist groups have frequently bombed Shiite processions during the holiday. (AP)

to mark the holiday of Ashoura, which honors the death of Imam Hussein, a grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

"It was a very powerful blast," said Mahood Khan, who is in charge of the shrine. "It was out of control. Everyone was crying, shouting. It is a disaster."

Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who cut short a trip to Europe, issued a statement that called the attack on Shiites unprecedented in scope.

Some Afghans think the war will worsen after the U.S.-led coalition withdraws its combat troops by the end of 2014.

20%

The portion of Afghanistan's population made up of Shiite Muslims, who hard-line Sunnis consider to be nonbelievers. (AP)

The Afghan Taliban, which usually target the U.S.-led coalition, Afghan forces or government offices, condemned the attack, which was reminiscent of the wave of sectarian bloodshed that shook Iraq during the height of the war there.

Suspicion centered on militant groups in Pakistan, where Sunni attacks on Shiites are common.

A man who claimed to be from Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Jhangvi claimed responsibility for the bombing in Kabul. The validity of the claim could not be determined.

DEB RIECHMANN AND RAHIM FAIEZ (AP)

Syrian Activists: Dozens of Bodies Dumped in City

Beirut

Dozens of bodies were dumped in the streets of a Syrian city at the heart of the country's nearly nine-month uprising, a grim sign that sectarian bloodshed is escalating as the country descends toward civil war.

Up to 50 people were killed in Homs on Monday, but details about what happened in Syria's third-largest city came to light only on Tuesday.

Backstory

Sectarian violence is a dire development in Syria and one that opposition members say plays directly into the hands of President Bashar Assad's regime. Since the uprising began, Assad portrayed himself as the lone force who can ward off the sectarianism that has bedeviled neighbors in Iraq and Lebanon. Opposition figures accuse Assad's regime of trying to stir up trouble. (AP)

"It was an insane escalation," activist Mohamed Saleh said. "There were kidnappings and killings in a mad way."

Thirty-four of the dead were shot execution-style and dumped in a public square, according to Saleh and others who monitor the violence, including the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The discovery came as the U.S. stepped up pressure on President Bashar Assad's regime to end its crackdown on protesters. (AP)

CRIME

Controversy Abuzz



An Austrian man is under investigation for selling wine and schnapps with pictures of Adolf Hitler on the

labels, a possible violation of a law prohibiting displays glorifying the Nazi era, officials said Tuesday. A website touting spirits in "nostalgic bottles of former historical greats" shows bottles with portraits of Hitler and swastikas. (AP)

World

Debt Fight Turns to EU Treaties

Euro-less U.K. calls for 'some safeguards' within unity plans

Berlin

Plans by France and Germany to save the euro through closer European unity faced a serious challenge Tuesday from Britain, as deep divisions emerged between the 17 nations that use the euro and the 10 that don't.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy are demanding changes to EU treaties to tighten controls over spending and borrowing for all who use the embattled euro.

Their comments Monday reinforced market expectations that a Friday summit of EU leaders would finally contain the debt crisis that has engulfed the continent and

Meanwhile ...

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Tuesday said that the Federal Reserve has no plans to give money to the International Monetary Fund to bolster the European bailout fund. The Fed chief is on a three-day trip to Germany, France and Italy in an effort to show U.S. support for key countries grappling with Europe's debt crisis. Geithner said he is "very encouraged" by the reform steps taken so far. (AP)



threatens the global economy.

Still, British Prime Minister David Cameron, whose country does not use the euro, urged the eurozone to come together to solve the crisis but warned Britain would insist on "some safeguards."

"As long as we get those, then that treaty can go ahead," he said. "If we can't get those, it won't."

Safeguards included keeping the EU market of 500 million consumers and ensuring that eurozone

moves don't threaten London's status as a global financial center.

Adding to the pressure, Standard & Poor's warned it could downgrade 15 eurozone nations and Europe's bailout fund if European leaders don't act.

If the bailout fund is downgraded, it could lead to higher lending rates for other countries, making recovery tougher. The fund depends on Germany and France's Triple-A credit ratings. (AP)



Appetite of Austerity: It's the ultimate belt-tightening handbook: Chew food long enough for your stomach to feel full, and don't forget to sweep crumbs off your table and into a jar. These are some tips used by Greeks to survive World War II that are collected in "Starvation Recipes," the cookbook released this year that has become a surprise hit as Greeks struggle in a new era of economic hardship. The book is on its second print run. (AP)

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World



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Pro-Kremlin activists rally Tuesday in Moscow in response to opposition protests.

Election Clamor Grows in Russia

Dogged protesters scuffle with police over contested vote

Moscow

Police clashed with demonstrators protesting vote fraud in Moscow and at least two other major Russian cities Tuesday, as anger boiled over against Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his ruling United Russia party.

At least 250 people were detained by police at a Moscow protest, police said. Russian news agencies reported about 200 were arrested at a similar rally in St. Petersburg, and 25 were arrested in the city of Rostov-on-Don.

It was the second night of large protests in Moscow and St. Petersburg, an unusually sustained show of indignation after widespread reports of fraud in Sunday's par-

Backstory

Preliminary results from Sunday's parliamentary elections in Russia show that Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's United Russia party lost a large share of the seats it had held in the State Duma but kept a 50 percent majority — though opponents say even that came by way of election fraud. (AP)

liamentary election.

The protesters appear to be both angered by the reported fraud and energized by the vote's show of declining support for Putin and his party, which have overshadowed all other political forces in Russia for a dozen years.

But Kremlin supporters also put on two rallies in Moscow, attracting thousands and showing vehement divisions in Russian society.

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Cover Story



Former Prince George's County executive Jack Johnson and his wife, Leslie, have pleaded guilty in a far-reaching corruption conspiracy.

LINDA DAVIDSON/TWP

Jack Johnson's Steep Fall

Ex-Pr. George's exec is sentenced to 87 months for broad corruption

Washington

Former Prince George's County executive Jack Johnson was sentenced Tuesday to 87 months in a federal prison for masterminding a wide corruption conspiracy that netted him as much as \$1 million in bribes and implicated his wife and several developers, county officials and businessmen.

Johnson, 62, stood before a packed courtroom in Greenbelt, Md., as U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte handed down the sentence. He had faced up to 14 years in prison under federal sentencing guidelines.

"I'm sorry," said Johnson, who spoke in the courtroom for eight minutes and apologized for the first time since his arrest. "I ask the people of Prince George's County to forgive me."

"I've lost everything — my reputation, all of the things I worked

How It Went Down

This conversation, as documented in an FBI affidavit, led to the arrest of Jack Johnson and his wife, Leslie Johnson:

Just after 10:12 a.m. on Nov. 12, 2010, Leslie Johnson frantically phoned her husband, Jack Johnson, the Prince George's county executive. Two FBI agents were at the door of their two-story brick colonial in Mitchellville, Md.

"Don't answer it," Jack Johnson said, unaware that agents were listening in. Johnson ordered his wife to find and destroy a \$100,000 check from a real estate developer that was hidden in a box of liquor.

"Do you want me to put it down the toilet?" Leslie Johnson asked.

"Yes, flush that," the county executive said.

But what about the cash? she asked — \$79,600.

Put it in your underwear, the county executive told his wife.

She replied, "I have it in my bra" — which is where agents discovered the money after she answered the door. (TWP)

Leslie Johnson, who was elected to the Prince George's County Council 10 days before her arrest, will be sentenced on Friday for her role in the scheme. She pleaded guilty in June to one felony count of conspiracy to commit witness and evidence tampering, and faces up to 18 months in federal prison. (TWP)

for," the Democrat said.

Johnson also was fined \$100,000 and ordered to undergo alcohol treatment. He must begin his prison term on Feb. 3.

"Jack Johnson could have been a role model for integrity, but he chose to be a poster child for greed," said U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein. Prosecutors and the judge indicated that Johnson has cooperated with federal authorities in their investigation of corruption in Prince George's, resulting in a somewhat reduced sentence.

"This was not a single act of bribery. This was not a single misstep. ... This was a deliberate march down a long path of kleptocracy."

— U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE PETER J. MESSITTE

Johnson, county executive from 2002 to December 2010, was charged with evidence tampering and destruction of evidence after federal agents arrested him and his wife, Leslie, 59, last year. Their arrest roiled county government, ensnared developers and officials and led to an ongoing ethics reform.

Hours after his arrest, Johnson said he was not guilty and "absolutely convinced" he would be cleared. He pleaded guilty in May to extortion and to witness and evidence tampering.

Tuesday's hearing brought to a close what had all the makings of a storied career. Johnson was sworn in as only the second black to hold the office of county executive in Prince George's County and was among the first wave of African-American politicians to take control of Maryland's second-largest county.

He cast an image of success that his supporters wanted to portray to the world. In many ways, he succeeded. Johnson lured Wegman's — the county's first high-end grocery store — to the area and led the county during completion of the National Harbor project. CHERYL W. THOMPSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Johnson's Troubled Legacy

While Jack Johnson was quick to take credit for improvements and growth in Prince George's County, he was just as swift in defending his questionable actions, which dogged him throughout his second term.

Aug. 2006 An investigation by The Washington Post found that Johnson had awarded 51 county contracts totaling more than \$3 million to 15 friends and supporters. In some instances, he gave the contracts after failing to persuade the County Council to put those same supporters into county jobs. He also created more than a dozen high-profile positions and filled them with friends and fraternity brothers.

Nov. 2006 The Post also found that Johnson — and council members — charged thousands of dollars to county-issued credit cards to pay for personal expenses. His charges included trips home to South Carolina to visit his mother, to Texas to attend his daughter's wedding reception, and a \$6,003 business-class trip to Senegal for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for homes built by a county developer.



2007 The Post found that thousands of dollars in grant money provided by National Harbor developer Milton Peterson, above, and earmarked for community projects in the county went to organizations with ties to Johnson.

2008 The Post found that development deals worth millions of dollars went to people with ties to Johnson at least 11 times. Those who won the contracts included a golfing pal, a campaign contributor and longtime associate Mirza H.A. Baig, who won three such deals in a 19-month period. County officials sold 11 houses in a federally subsidized development in Upper Marlboro to one of Baig's companies for \$610,000 in 2005. Baig sold the property for \$1.2 million in 2010. Baig, 68, pleaded guilty in April to conspiracy to commit extortion in connection with the scheme. (TWP)



Fairfax Approves Silver Line Deal

Funding for Phase 2 of project is OK'd despite reservations

Fairfax, Va.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a revised funding agreement for the second phase of Metrorail's extension to Dulles International Airport despite some members' misgivings that the project's total costs are still uncertain and likely to rise.

The board's vote amounted to final approval for a deal brokered this year by U.S. Transportation Sec-

retary Ray LaHood in a bid to shave costs from Metro's Silver Line from Wiehle Avenue in Reston to Route 772 in Loudoun County.

County officials said the new agreement should reduce the total estimated cost of the second phase by about one-quarter, from \$3.8 billion to \$2.8 billion, and trims as much as \$757 million from the burden on drivers who use the Dulles Toll Road. The biggest savings came after the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which is managing the entire \$6 billion project, reversed its decision to put the Dulles Airport station underground.

The U.S. Department of Trans-

"This strategy brings the cost of Phase 2 back down close to the original estimate."

— SHARON BULOVA, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIRMAN.

portation, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and airports authority have signed off on the deal. Virginia has also agreed to kick in \$150 million, subject to approval by the General Assembly at its session next year.

Fairfax Board Chairman Sharon S. Bulova, a Democrat, congrat-

ulated County Executive Anthony H. Griffin and members of his staff for negotiating the deal and urged its approval.

"This strategy brings the cost of Phase 2 back down close to the original estimate and goes a long way to ensure this critical transportation project is completed," Bulova said in a written statement. Jim Corcoran, president and chief executive of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, also hailed the agreement.

The first phase of the project, from Tysons Corner to Reston, is under construction. It is expected to open late next year. FREDRICK KUNKLE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Meanwhile ...

Dulles Toll Road users are going to get a New Year's gift — higher rates. Effective on Jan. 1, the toll rates will go up by a quarter. For two-axle vehicles, the main plaza rates will be \$1.50; for three axles, they will be \$1.75; and for four axles, they will be \$2. Prices at the ramps will not change. More than half the money to pay for phase two of the new Silver Line will come from users of the Dulles Toll Road. (TWP)

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Protesters said they plan to stage demonstrations all week on the National Mall.

Tents Assembled On National Mall

Protesters camp out as part of 'Take Back the Capitol' movement

Washington

Protesters have assembled tents on the National Mall for a week of events meant to "Take Back the Capitol."

Hundreds of people are part of the protest, including the group Our DC, labor unions and religious leaders. On Monday evening, they set up what they're calling the "People's Camp" on the Mall.

On Tuesday, they began visiting congressional offices to ask lawmakers to represent the 99 percent of ordinary Americans, rather than the wealthy.

The group is not part of the Occupy D.C. protest but shares a similar message with the group centered at McPherson Square.

On Wednesday, the group plans to focus its protests on K Street because it's a hub for lobbyists.

On Thursday, the protesters are planning a prayer vigil and march on congressional offices.

The protest is scheduled to conclude Friday. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Dec. 6

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-8-7
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	9-9-3
Mid-day DC 4	6-6-5-2
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	5-6-6-6
Mid-day D.C. Five	3-9-2-4-4
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	3-3-3-2-4

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	6-6-6
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	3-9-9
Mid-day Pick 4	3-7-9-3
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	9-0-8-7
Match 5 (Mon.)	10-14-25-31-33 (5)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	8-2-4
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	7-1-9
Mid-day Pick 4	5-5-9-1
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	1-5-0-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	4-6-9-25-32
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	2-6-8-14-34

Winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery claim location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

6.1% The Washington region's unemployment rate for October, driven by more government job losses and tepid gains in the private sector, according to a Labor Department report released Tuesday. Experts say the data reflect uncertainty over Congress's activity — and inactivity — on federal spending. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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D.C. Council OKs Ethics Package

Deal for reform gets unanimous initial approval by city brass

Washington

The D.C. Council has granted preliminary approval to a broad package of ethics reforms.

The council voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the bill. Council member Harry Thomas Jr., whose home was raided Friday by federal agents investigating his alleged diversion of city funds for personal use, was present and voted for the measure.

He did not comment on it.

Several amendments that would have strengthened the bill were either withdrawn or voted down. Council members pledged to work on possible



Council member Harry Thomas Jr., left, whose house was raided by federal agents last week, with Jim Graham on Tuesday.

Guilty Verdict For Ehrlich Aide In Robocall Case

Baltimore

Paul E. Schurick, the 2010 campaign manager for former governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., a Republican, was convicted Tuesday on four counts of election-law violations stemming from an anonymous robocall he authorized in the waning hours of Election Day.

The call was placed to 112,000 Democratic voters in Baltimore and Prince George's County, and prosecutors alleged it was intended to suppress the African-American vote in the state's two largest majority black jurisdictions.

Recipients were told by an unidentified woman that they could "relax" because Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, had achieved his objectives. JOHN WAGNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Meanwhile...

The D.C. Council will consider a bill that would remove some of the hurdles residents have to clear before obtaining a handgun. It would do away with the requirement that residents undergo a vision test and submit handguns for ballistic identification before taking them home. Would-be gun owners would still have to register their firearms with police, take a safety course and pass a test on the District's gun laws. But they would be allowed to possess a gun temporarily while taking the class and would only have to pass the test once. (AP)

changes before it comes up for a final vote in two weeks.

The bill would create an ethics board with the power to punish council members for violations. It also calls for the expulsion of any council member who is convicted of a felony, although district voters would have to approve that provision. (AP)

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Hunter's Rough Start

For the Capitals, there's a new bench boss in town, but his first week at the helm has had shades of good, bad and ugly. Washington is 1-3 under Dale Hunter as it transitions from the Bruce Boudreau era to a new style of play. Hunter's hockey is typically fast, physical and defensive, but through four games with the Caps, it's been a hodgepodge of those elements mixed with some of the old from the Boudreau days. It's natural there will be growing pains, but the past week has given Capitals fans a glimpse of what to expect for the remainder of the season — and of what needs work. REED S. ALBERS

The Good

Hunter's first win as an NHL head coach, against the Ottawa Senators on Saturday, showcased just about everything the coach wants from his team.

In the 3-2 overtime victory, the Caps displayed the physical intensity that Hunter is known for producing, and players, in particular Alex Ovechkin, showed off a commitment to the new 1-2-2

defensive system.

The game also broke the one-goal scoring threshold that had been holding the Caps back in the previous two games.

"We had more chances," utility player Brooks Laich said after the win. "We wanted to limit [Ottawa's] shots and get more shots ourselves. In our line especially, we had a couple of hornet's nests around their net where we had second and third whacks at it."



The Capitals' Brooks Laich, left, and John Carlson celebrate their win last Saturday.

Three Players To Watch

Jason Chimera:

A speedy, crafty winger who currently leads the Capitals in goals (11), Chimera is on pace to have a career season in points and goals. His quickness fits into Hunter's dump-and-chase offense.

Brooks Laich:

Laich is a Swiss army knife of a player—he has many tools but doesn't specialize in any of them. His versatility should mesh well with his new coach's style.

Troy Brouwer:

Brouwer brings a grinding style to the team's top scoring unit. Hunter preaches crashing the net, and with Alex Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom doing the shooting, Brouwer is the goal crease garbage man. R.A.

The Bad

The effort level, commitment to defense and increased forecheck all stood out as positives in Hunter's first week, but the Capitals were downright awful on offense.

In Hunter's first two games

Goalie Michal Neuvirth



behind the bench, against the St. Louis Blues and the Pittsburgh Penguins, Washington was outshot 65-36.

In both games, the Capitals mustered only one goal and were beaten 2-1 each night.

The power play continues to struggle and has yet to score since Hunter took over. Washington is now 14 for 93 this season on the power play, making it the NHL's 11th-worst special teams attack.

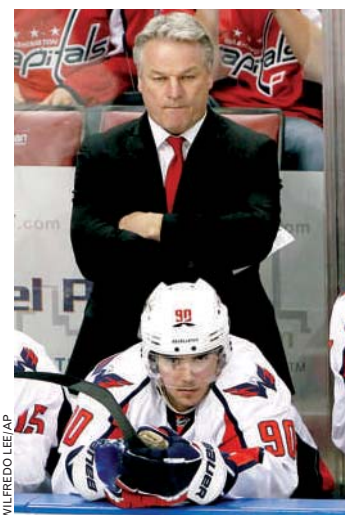
Goaltending has been another sore spot. In Tomas Vokoun's two starts against St. Louis and Pittsburgh, the game-winning goals came on soft shots that should have been routine saves. Michal Neuvirth's first outing against Ottawa ended in a win, but against the Florida Panthers on Monday night, he finished with a .833 save percentage and let in five goals in the first two periods.

The Ugly

Monday night's 5-4 loss to the Panthers might have had some fans doubting that a change was made.

Washington fell behind 5-1 after two periods, gave up three power play goals, committed six penalties in the first period alone and was dominated by a Florida team that's taken control of the Southeast Division.

The Caps' three-goal rally was the only positive. In the past month, a 5-1 start to a game would likely mean a 5-1 finish, or worse. At the very least, fans can celebrate that the Capitals made it a game.



Dale Hunter looks on dejectedly after a slow start against the Panthers Monday.

The NHL's New Look

On Monday night, the NHL Board of Governors announced their plans for league realignment starting next season. Under the new alignment, the NHL would feature four conferences. Each team will play each other twice in a home-and-home series, and the playoffs would take the top four from each conference.

Conf. A

Anaheim
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Colorado
Edmonton
Los Angeles
Phoenix
San Jose
Vancouver

Conf. B

Chicago
Columbus
Dallas
Detroit
Minnesota
Nashville
St. Louis
Winnipeg

Conf. C

Boston
Buffalo
Florida
Montreal
Ottawa
Tampa Bay
Toronto

Conf. D

Carolina
New Jersey
N.Y. Islanders
N.Y. Rangers
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
Washington

The Patrick Is Back

As if Crosby versus Ovechkin wasn't enough, the Caps and Penguins are division rivals once more. The new setup might be familiar to hockey fans as a rebuild of the Patrick Division, where the Capitals competed before the Southeast Division was created in 1998. R.A.

Sports

2 Redskins Suspended for Drugs

Davis, Williams will miss the remaining 4 games of the season

The Redskins

Redskins left tackle Trent Williams and tight end Fred Davis were formally suspended without pay for four games by the NFL Tuesday after failing multiple drug tests, according to a statement issued by the league Tuesday afternoon. The suspensions begin immediately. Williams reluctantly accept-

ed the penalty earlier Tuesday, according to a person familiar with his situation. Davis' response was less clear; he had been exploring other options over the suspension, which was hammered out in a deal between the NFL and the NFL Players Association.

Williams and Davis were among 11 NFL players who failed drug tests at the start of training camp, immediately after the NFL lockout was lifted. But as part of the settlement between the NFL and the players union, those players received no punishment under

Challenge Coming?

Fred Davis, whose contract expires at the end of this season, was working with an attorney before the NFL issued its statement announcing his suspension to determine whether he could challenge the penalty. He seemed to have little recourse. Because the suspension is part of a settlement between the league and the union, he would have to challenge both in court. Davis' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, has not responded to requests for comment. (TWP)

a 30-day grace period granted players. During the four-month league shutdown, players were neither tested nor counseled about drug use.

Davis and Williams both failed an additional test during the season for recreational drugs, believed to be marijuana, according to people familiar with their cases. Under the settlement between the NFL and the union, the third positive test is being treated as a second offense, which carries a four-game suspension. MIKE JONES AND MARK MASKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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No Sugar-Coated View of the Hokies

Frank Beamer is right not to apologize for his Hokies' spot in the Sugar Bowl. He should be sorry for his record in bowl games.

Therein lies the cause of the outcry over Virginia Tech's surprising invitation — at the expense of Boise State

and others — into a BCS bowl, which came just one day after a 38-10 loss to Clemson in the ACC title game.

Beamer's team will play Michigan on Jan. 3 in what on paper appears to be an entertaining game.

That is, unless you're a member of the Hokie Nation who knows that once the calendar hits January, Virginia Tech changes from a formidable team into a cupcake.

To be frank, Beamer has built a really good program, but not a great one.

Beamer has led the Hokies to at least 10 wins each season for the past eight years and now 19-straight bowl appearances. He's been rewarded with incredible job security and arguably the most loyal fan base in the country. He should be proud of his accomplishments. Beamer's black mark is a big one, though, at least as on-the-field problems go.

Virginia Tech is 8-10 in bowls under its legendary coach. And that mark is glorious compared to the team's 1-5 record in major bowl games since a Sugar Bowl win against Texas in 1995.

To be frank, Beamer has built a really good program, but not a great one. The past doesn't merit this year's upgrade to one of the most prestigious bowls. I'm sorry, but it's time to face the facts about Beamer and the overrated Hokies.

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Source: Boise Part of Group Joining Big East

College Sports

The Big East's long-awaited additions are set, with more rebuilding to come. The conference is preparing to announce the additions of Boise State and San Diego State as football-only members, and Houston, Central Florida and SMU for all sports as soon as Wednesday, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. The five schools will join in 2013.

The Big East has also been pursuing Navy and Air Force as football-only members, but the military academies are not yet ready to commit to the conference, a person said Tuesday on condition of anonymity because details were still being worked out and plans for an announcement were being completed. (AP)

Moving On in the Champions League



FC ZENIT ST. PETERSBURG'S NICOLAS LOMBAERTS, LEFT, Tomas Hubocan, center, and Domenico Criscito celebrate Tuesday's 0-0 draw against FC Porto in the Champions League in Portugal. The Russian club advanced for the first time to the knockout round of the Champions League, while Porto goes into the Europa League, which it won last season.

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7 P.M., CSN) The Caps try to snap their road woes in Ottawa.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M., ESPN AND ESPN2) Arizona takes on Florida, Duke faces Colorado State, Butler plays Xavier, and Illinois

hosts St. Bonaventure.
PRO HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., VERSUS) The Buffalo Sabres host the Philadelphia Flyers.
SOCCER (2:30 P.M., CSN) Real Madrid visits Ajax in the Champions League.



In Their Dreams

The Los Angeles Lakers, according to ESPN, are trying to pull off blockbuster deals for both Dwight Howard and Chris Paul, with basically anyone not named Kobe Bryant as trade bait. Paul would be a free agent after this season in New Orleans; Howard is in the same spot with the Orlando Magic, and both teams would like to make a deal with the Lakers. (TWP)



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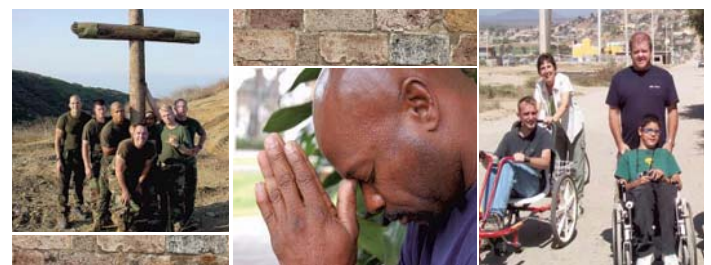
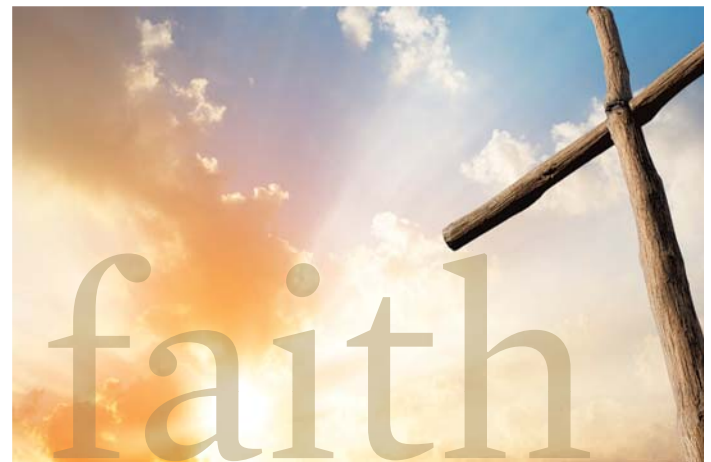
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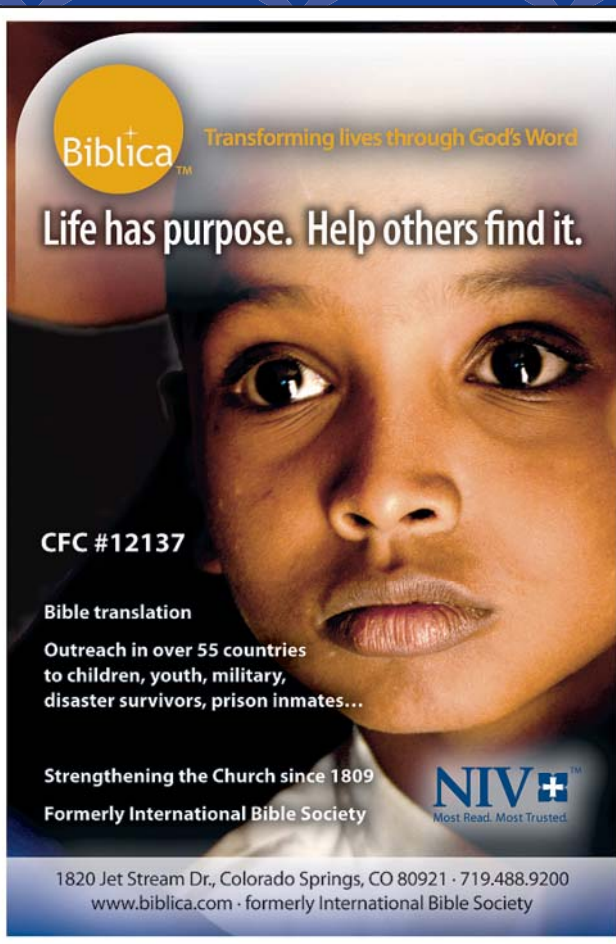
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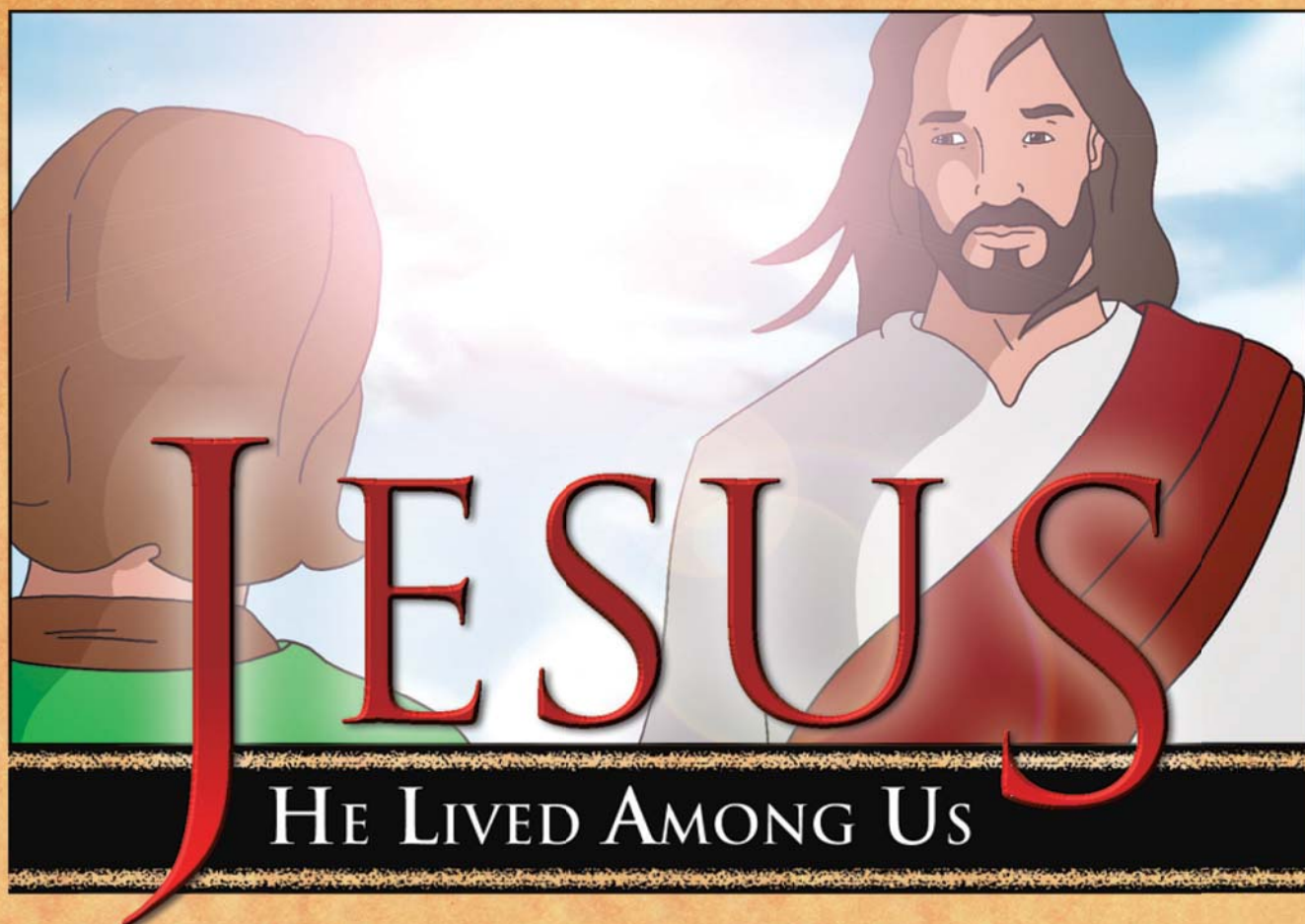
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Inside Jokes



Running on Empty

When Dane Cook appeared on FX's "Louie" last summer as himself, it felt like the beginning of the maligned comic's redemption. Here was the most-popular and the most-hated comedian of the past decade, confronting accusations that he stole jokes with the very guy he supposedly

cribbed from. Cook was actively endearing himself to the comedy nerds, like me, who'd shunned him in 2006. If Cook ever reclaims his credibility, it won't be in stand-up. "I've taken it every-

where I've wanted to take it," Cook told the Los Angeles Times last week. Instead, he's focusing on film (a dramatic turn in "Answers to Nothing") and TV (developing an NBC pilot).

Where does that leave Cook's legacy in stand-up? There's no question he's had an impressive career — platinum albums, sold-out arenas — but, ultimately, his contributions to comedy are minimal.

I saw Cook in 2005, and while I laughed often, I can't remember a single joke. That's the problem: You remember what he's like; you don't remember what he said. Cook claims he took stand-up everywhere he wanted to take it. In reality, he probably didn't have anywhere else to go.

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The Highlight: Her rendition of "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," a remake of the Shirelles' timeless song, is stirring: Recorded in 2004 with the Dap Kings, it showcases Winehouse when she was at or near her peak. At one moment, she sounds vulnerable, singing cautiously and tenderly; then she releases the full power of her voice, leaving the listener in awe. (AP)

All That's Left

Amy Winehouse's posthumous 'Lioness' features very little of the singer at her best

Album Review

Because Amy Winehouse was nowhere close to completing a follow-up to her breakout 2006 release, "Back to Black," when she died last summer, "Lioness: Hidden Treasures," unlike many posthumous sets, doesn't provide a road map to a last album that never was.

Instead, it's a collection of odds and ends, of demos and covers and

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assorted one-offs of varying quality and familiarity. "Lioness" doesn't have the craven feel of similar vault-scraping efforts from Jeff Buckley or Tupac; it just feels sad. Not because it speaks to Winehouse's lost promise, but because there's



Lioness: Hidden Treasures
Amy Winehouse

little in these often wan tracks that recalls the fiery, top-of-her-game Winehouse at all.

The songs, most recorded with Winehouse's longtime producer Salaam Remi, serve as an index of the things Winehouse loved, like classic shoop-shoop girlie pop covers (a sweetly done "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and an affectionate, reggae-style "Our Day Will Come") and rap.

On "Like Smoke," a retro pop-goes-hip-hop collaboration with Nas, Winehouse hovers over her verse like a ghost while Nas offers non sequiturs about the World Bank. "You know how me and Amy are/Straight playas," he says, and it's surely the least convincing line of the year.

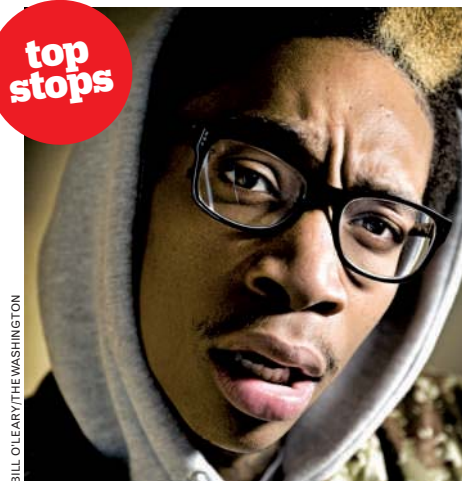
Its earliest track is a brisk, bubbly version of "The Girl From Ipanema," recorded when Winehouse was 18. Her voice becomes looser and more raw as the tracks progress (though "Lioness" isn't arranged chronologically, and for good reason), first pleasingly, then less so. It ends with a 2009 cover of Leon Russell's "A Song for You" that's teary and bedraggled and moving, surely selected more for pathos than art. ALLISON STEWART
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Kindle-Ready: Amazon.com, the country's largest online book-seller, will itself be the subject of a book coming out in 2013. Bloomberg Businessweek writer Brad Stone has signed with Little, Brown and Company for a work on "the spectacular rise" of Amazon.com. The book will be released in May 2013 and is currently untitled. Stone's book is not authorized by Amazon, but will provide a "fly-on-the-wall narrative," according to Little, Brown. (AP)

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1 Generation Gap
Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa, shown, are being billed as "the black Cheech and Chong" for their new movie, "Mac & Devin Go to High School," but the movie seems to be mostly an excuse for the pair to make a soundtrack together. Snoop's elder-statesman rap vibe and Khalifa's new-kid cool come together over an affection for smoking ganja. Their concert tonight will highlight the music they made together. **9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 11 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

2 Tales and Cocktails
826 DC, which teaches children how to write and sells charmingly ridiculous swag at its storefront, the Museum of Unnatural History, is hosting a slightly more adult activity: cocktails! Specifically, cocktails at the Gibson with DJ Huang spinning in an event titled "Baby, It's Cold Outside." The bar is open from 8 p.m. to midnight. **The Gibson, 2009 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$60-\$75; 826dc.org. (U St.-Cardozo)**

3 Oom-Pahradise
TubaChristmas is a Kennedy Center tradition: Local musicians who play various completely ridiculous instruments (tuba, sousaphone and euphonium) pay tribute to the teachers who encouraged them to play brass by playing oom-pah Christmas songs. If you play one of these instruments, bring it in at 3 p.m. to rehearse for the concert. **Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**



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Consistently Thrilling

The Black Keys offer just enough variation to keep the duo's new record sounding fresh

Album Review

Over the past decade, guitar and drum duo the Black Keys have brought their forceful take on garage rock, blues and rockabilly to a mass audience. As a band whose closest antecedents are great but largely unheard acts like Flat Duo Jets and the Sonics, this could be considered something of an upset.

But the band's success is no fluke: Over time, guitarist and lead vocalist Dan Auerbach and drummer Patrick Carney have alchemized their influences into a unique



Dan Auerbach, left, and Patrick Carney, right, will headline Verizon Center in March.

sound, one that is uncompromising in its toughness but has hooks and charm to spare.

Previous Black Keys releases

have dwelt on the themes of love, betrayal and existential worry that have long haunted American roots music. "El Camino," the band's sev-



El Camino
The Black Keys

enth full-length release, finds it returning to this terrain with no diminishment of inspiration.

The opening track, "Lonely Boy," weds an urgent, surf-rock riff to a sing-along chorus featuring a lament as old as Robert Johnson: "I gotta love that keeps me waiting." On "Dead and Gone," high-register harmonies bring out Auerbach's soulful croon, a technique used frequently on these recordings and to great effect. The band doesn't go out of its way to vary the approach — one barnstorming groove follows from the next — but it is also never

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pro forma. "Gold on the Ceiling," with its Garry Glitter-style big beat and intimations of decadence, demonstrates equal appreciation for '70s glam and '50s R&B.

As with AC/DC, a group with whom the Black Keys have something of a spiritual kinship, subtle variations on a few unimpeachable musical themes help keep the band consistently exhilarating.

TIMOTHY BRACY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

● **Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW, March 9, 8 p.m., \$52.05-\$68.50; 202-397-SEAT. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)**



TV Beat

The Meltdown

Discovery Channel's documentary series "**Frozen Planet**" will premiere March 18 and will include a program on climate change hosted by **David Attenborough**, shown. On it, the British naturalist will investigate what rising temperatures will mean for the planet and life on it. "Frozen Planet" is described as "the ultimate portrait of our Earth's polar regions." A co-production of Discovery and BBC, the "Frozen Planet" team filmed in every nation inside the Arctic and Antarctic circles during 2,356 days in the field, 1 1/2 years at sea, more than six months on the sea ice and 134 hours beneath that ice, according to Discovery. Alec Baldwin will narrate. (AP)

Stars Are for Sale at Sundance

Marquee names take to the 2012 festival to shop new works

Film

It'll be a busy shopping season at next month's Sundance Film Festival, whose star-studded premieres are up for grabs by potential theatrical distributors.

Some premieres usually enter the independent-film showcase with U.S. distribution already lined up. But festival director John Cooper said all the premieres that Sundance announced Monday will be looking for distributors. "I don't think that's ever happened before," Cooper says. "It makes for a much more exciting buyer's market, I think."

Among Sundance's big-name premieres: Kirsten Dunst's wedding romp "Bachelorette"; Bruce Willis and Catherine Zeta-Jones' Las Vegas bookie caper "Lay the Favorite," from filmmaker Stephen



Chris Rock, left, and Julie Delpy, right, star in the Sundance film "2 Days in New York."

Frears; Richard Gere and Susan Sarandon's Wall Street saga "Arbitrage"; Sigourney Weaver and Robert De Niro in Rodrigo Cortes' paranormal thriller "Red Lights"; and actor-director Julie Delpy's "2 Days in New York," co-starring Chris Rock in a follow-up to her 2007 romance "2 Days in Paris."

Former "X-Files" partners David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson both have premieres playing Sundance. Duchovny and Vera Farmiga star in the father-son story "Goats," while Anderson is featured along with Clive Owen and Andrea Riseborough in James Marsh's Irish terrorism tale "Shadow Dancer."

Director Spike Lee, who came to Sundance with his 2009 rock musical "Passing Strange," returns with "Red Hook Summer," the story of an Atlanta boy spending the summer with his grandfather in Brooklyn.

Overseen by Robert Redford's Sundance Institute, the festival runs Jan. 19 to 29 in Park City, Utah.

Sundance opens with four films that were announced last week among the festival's dramatic and documentary competitions. It closes with one of the premieres unveiled Monday, directors Brian Klugman and Lee Sternthal's literary plagiarism story "The Words," starring Bradley Cooper, Jeremy Irons, Dennis Quaid and Olivia Wilde.

The premieres, which screen out of competition, also include Rory Kennedy's Ethel Kennedy portrait "Ethel"; and two musical documentaries — one on Paul Simon from director Joe Berlinger, and rapper Ice-T's "Something From Nothing: The Art of Rap." DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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The special does a good job of juxtaposing world-shaking events and decisions with tiny, intimate details. President Franklin Roosevelt was at work in his private office, relaxing with his beloved stamp collection, when word came of the Japanese attack on the Pacific Fleet. He had a terrific cold and sinus condition that day, an ailment that doctors most likely treated with cocaine.

We get a finely detailed account of Roosevelt as he composed his famous war declaration to be



The USS Shaw explodes after a surprise attack from the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941.

delivered the very next day. Writing and editing don't usually make for good television, but this is an exception.

We're also told how the Secret Service had no bulletproof car to drive Roosevelt to the Capitol to deliver his war address. So the Treasury Department commandeered a car that once belonged to Al Capone. And when the president arrived, he had to create the illusion of "walk-

ing" past both houses of Congress, even though he had been paralyzed for 20 years.

Historians interviewed here give Roosevelt high marks for his calm and his ability to articulate the defiant resolve of a nation that had, only 24 hours before, been bitterly divided about entering World War II. And "Pearl Harbor: 24 Hours After" deserves high marks, too.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

CW
9:00

America's Next Top Model The winner is crowned tonight, but first, the remaining contestants pose for one more photo shoot and participate in a runway challenge with a capital C — it involves flying and going underwater.

ABC
9:31

Happy Endings Max, desperate for cash, agrees to dress up as Santa for Penny's charity event. Meanwhile, Jane accidentally gifts housekeeper Gita with an envelope stuffed with money for a big holiday getaway, instead of the \$200 Christmas tip she had planned.

ABC
10:00

Revenge Emily (Emily VanCamp, shown) learns a secret about Nolan that has her questioning his loyalty, but she's able to use the information against Tyler, setting a chain of events in motion that confirms how dangerous he is.



USA
10:00



Psych After a woman tells the Santa Barbara Police Department she witnessed a murder in broad daylight, Shawn and Gus (Dule Hill, shown) are the only ones who believe her and therefore protect her by hiding her at a remote commune. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Drama

Sign of the Times

BBC America repeats the brilliant six-part 2003 miniseries "State of Play" (9 p.m.). A complex tale of a murder, an apparent suicide, a political cover-up and evidence obtained by the press that's kept from the police, the drama seems all the more timely given the recent scandals rocking the British

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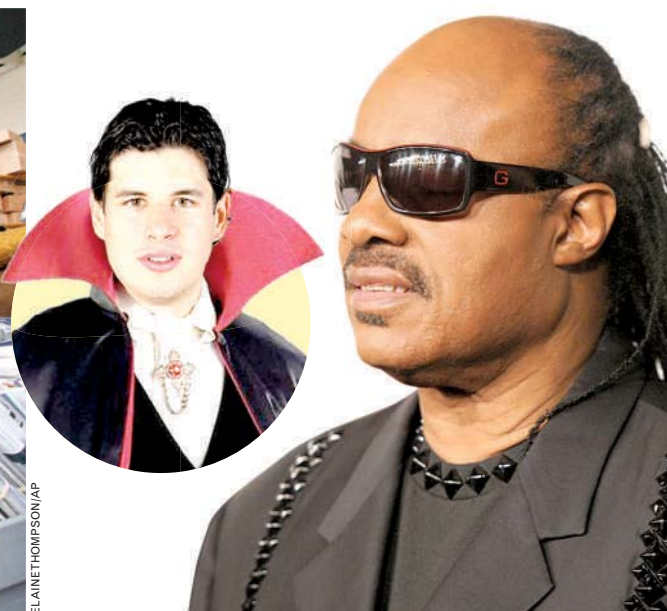
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“If you think you’re going to get rich buying up .XXX domain names - I’ve got a bridge in Manhattan I want to sell you.”

—@OVERLUBR7353 doesn’t plan on purchasing any of the domain names made available Tuesday by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, which allowed for the typically racy suffix to be included in website names.

▲
“Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night will keep your postman from delivering that ‘Mad Men’ DVD you’ve been waiting for. But legacy labor costs and the disruptive force of the Internet? Yeah, that’ll do it.”

—JORDAN WEISSMAN AT THEATLAN-TIC.COM breaks down in simple terms why the United States Postal Service is scaling back its standards for first-class delivery service.

▲
“I guess this is the kind of cultural shift that President Obama was talking about when he spoke about ‘fundamentally transforming America.’ How about we strive for separation of stupidity and state?”

—DIRECTORBLUE.BLOGSPOT.COM reacts to news that Loudoun County, Va. gave a man permission to display a skeleton dressed as Santa Claus and nailed to a cross in front of the county courthouse.

▲
“Let’s just say [Sidney Crosby’s sparkle isn’t just a metaphor for his performance in big games. #SidneyCrosbyIsAVampire.”

—@PGHICONOCLAST cracks a “Twilight” joke after hearing a radio interview with Yahoo blogger Ryan Lambert and Washington (Pa.) Observer-Reporter columnist John Steigerwald in which Lambert implies that Steigerwald has the same amount of proof in his column claiming that the Capitals’ Alex Ovechkin uses performance-enhancing drugs as Lambert has that the Pittsburgh Penguins’ Sidney Crosby is a vampire.

▲
“[People] get sensitive about Stevie [Wonder]. I’m over here wishing him sight. Y’all wishing him blind. Who loves Stevie for real? #stevieaintblind.”

—@BOMANI_JONES tweets his theories about the music star after Wonder stated he’s looking to become a contestant on “Dancing With the Stars.”

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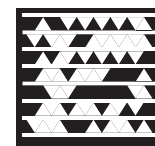
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Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Word in some university names
- 6 31-Across, at a sushi restaurant
- 11 Physics unit
- 14 Ancient Greek poet associated with a dolphin
- 15 Addition conclusion
- 16 Abbreviation on a TV remote
- 17 The end-all neat freak portrayer of classic TV
- 19 Poetic homage
- 20 Teaches
- 21 Become conscious
- 23 Long ____ and far away ...
- 24 Bible distributor
- 25 The end-all "The Big Sleep" star
- 31 Elongated fish
- 32 ____-Croatian (Slavic language)
- 33 Lollipop portions
- 37 Fat measure
- 39 Artillery outburst
- 41 Lessen, to the Bard
- 42 Submarine sensing system
- 44 Zigs or zags
- 46 It'll float your boat
- 47 The end-all "The Godfather" actor
- 50 Asserts authoritatively
- 53 When French fans circulate?
- 54 Hellos and good-byes on the Island
- 55 Dante's love
- 60 Fifth month
- 61 The end-all redhead of classic TV
- 63 Lennon's wife
- 64 Counting everything
- 65 Hindu music pieces
- 66 Long-eared equine
- 67 First name in skin care
- 68 Mountain feature

DOWN

- 1 Appease fully
- 2 Tramped or trampled
- 3 Aboriginal Japanese
- 4 Matchbox racer
- 5 Angers
- 6 ____ Reader (alternative magazine)
- 7 Agrees nonverbally
- 8 "Now ____ theater near you!"
- 9 Classic arcade game with tractor beams
- 10 Animosity
- 11 Arouse, as feelings
- 12 Riding and roping event
- 13 Space traveler of 1962 and 1998
- 18 Does penance
- 22 Speak off-the-cuff
- 25 Trio for grand pianos
- 26 Word with "dynamic" or "space"
- 27 ____ Bator
- 28 Atlanta pro

- 29 Better equipped
- 30 Crave, biblically
- 34 Cuban's house
- 35 "Hooked on Classics" co.
- 36 Animal that honks horns
- 38 Waterlogged ground
- 40 Severe test
- 43 Gershwin musical adapted by Cole Porter
- 45 Mill associated with gold discovery
- 48 Ship's petty officers
- 49 Expressed out loud
- 50 Land of Pago Pago: American ____
- 51 Shepard and King
- 52 Shows wild instability
- 55 Liver production
- 56 Fashion mag

- 57 Othello heavy
- 58 Thunder sound
- 59 Word after "who," "what" or "where"
- 62 Natural bird-watcher

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1972 The United States' last moon mission to date is launched as Apollo 17 blasts off from Cape Canaveral.

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140 Characters Is Totally Enough to Base a Story On

Alec Baldwin was removed from a plane Tuesday, according to tweets from passengers and Baldwin. "Flight attendant on American reamed me out 4 playing WORDS W FRIENDS while we sat at the gate, not moving. #nowonderamericaairisbankrupt," Baldwin tweeted. "But, oddly, 30 Rock plays inflight on American. #theresalwaysunited," he added. (EXPRESS)

RANDOM

Missouri's Loss Is America's Gain

Yakov Smirnoff says 2012 will be his last full season performing in Branson, Mo. The 60-year-old comedian said Monday that he plans to tour the U.S. in 2013 with his stand-up show. Next year will be Smirnoff's 20th season performing the Yakov LIVE! production. The Russian comedian became famous in the 1980s for his observations about life in the U.S. (AP)



Archaeologists think this photo dates back to 1997. Others think it's a fake.

Dirtbag Digest



'I've ALWAYS Been a Sleazeball'

Jesse James referred to ex-wife Sandra Bullock during the first episode of "American Chopper: The Build-Off" on Monday. "I became a big shot and married some Hollywood actress and didn't talk to anybody anymore, so I feel bad," he said, addressing his fans. "I'm still the same fabricator motorcycle guy. I'm not what I became." (EXPRESS)



POLITENESS

'How Lovely, Wills'

An expensive Christmas ornament commemorating the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton is now available to the masses, for just a smidgen more than \$130. The Royal Crown Derby piece, which is inscribed with "Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, 29th April 2011" (the date of their wedding), is "hand-finished in 22-karat gold," according to various sources. (EXPRESS)



EXPIRATION DATES

We Will No Longer Offer Brooke Mueller News as of Jan. 1, 2012

A Colorado judge will allow Charlie Sheen's ex-wife Brooke Mueller to return to California after her arrest in Aspen on assault and drug charges. The judge on Monday approved a request by Mueller's attorney to allow Mueller to go home to care for her children. Officers arrested Mueller on Saturday at a nightclub. (AP)

"I want to be frozen on the hope that they'll find whatever I died of and bring me back."



— LARRY KING
APPRISES HIS GUESTS OF HIS END-OF-LIFE WISHES ON "CNN PRESENTS: A LARRY KING SPECIAL: DINNER WITH THE KINGS."

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